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PRODUCTION OF JATROPHA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of Jatropha during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of production of Jatropha provided for bio-diesel feed stock;

(c) whether any target fixed for production of Jatropha during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details of target set and quantity achieved during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): The Government is implementing the Central Sector Scheme " Integrated Development of Tree Borne Oilseeds" with the following researchable issues namely (i) Survey and collection of superior planting material (seeds & cuttings); (ii) Progeny trial of superior planting material and Multi-locational trials at National/ Zonal level; (iii) Hybridization in Jatropha curcas; (iv) Agri-silvicultural trials; (v) Standardization of propagation techniques and (vi) Development of package of practices.

About 27 superior genotypes of Jatropha in National Trial have been recommended for multiplication. The details of plantation of Jatropha undertaken under the scheme during last three years are at Annexure I.

(b): As per information received from Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, no biodiesel has been procured for blending during the last three years.

(c) & (d): No targets were fixed for jatropha plantation.